

Atascosa County

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Public Health Services

Health and community education; immunizations for eligible children and adults; tuberculosis treatment and contact investigation; HIV and STD testing, treatment and education; communicable disease investigation; emergency preparedness and response; and general sanitation and food establishment inspections for the county.

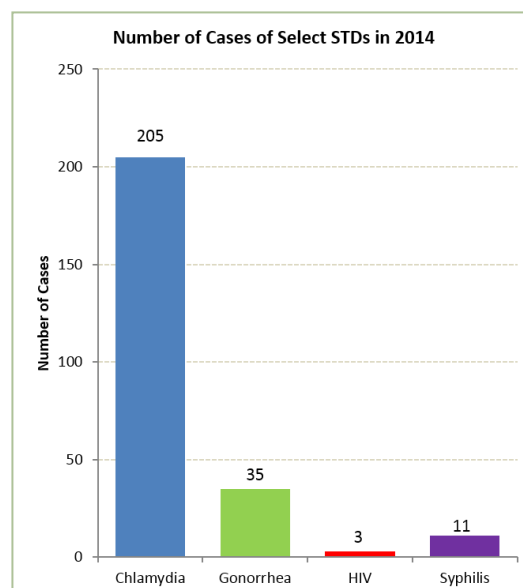
Region 8 Activities

- Educate the community about nutrition, healthy living and safety
- Serve as a resource for health care providers, infection control nurses at local hospitals and school nurses regarding disease reporting requirements, STD testing and treatment guidelines, and immunizations
- Recruit and educate Texas Vaccines for Children (TVFC) providers
- Distribute, install and inspect child passenger safety seats and teach parents how to use them correctly

Immunizations

- In 2014, the coverage rate for Texas for the recommended vaccination series dropped 8.5 points to 64%. Texas coverage rates are well below the national average of 71.6%. In the most recent data for Atascosa County, the coverage rate is 62.2%.
- The percent of public school students with a conscientious exemption from immunizations filed at the school district in Atascosa County is 0.3%, up from 0.18% in 2010.

Snapshot of Communicable Disease Reports			
	2013	2014	2015
Botulism, infant	0	1	0
Campylobacteriosis	3	5	8
Chagas, chronic indeterminate	0	1	0
Legionellosis	0	0	1
Multi-drug Resistant Organism	*	0	2
Pertussis	17	3	1
Salmonellosis	16	14	12
Shiga toxin-producing Escherichia coli (STEC)	0	9	0
Shigellosis	2	4	27
Tuberculosis	1	1	2
Typhoid fever (Salmonella typhi)	1	0	0
Varicella (Chickenpox)	3	1	1



2015 Public Health by the Numbers

- 148 general sanitation and restaurant inspections
- 22 children receiving Personal Care or Children with Special Health Care Needs services
- 5,493 children eligible for Texas Health Steps, a Medicaid program for children
- 2 rabies investigations conducted
- 2 rabies quarantine facility inspections